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CORRECTION ....Carlos checked with our contractors and the amount was not \$250,000 but \$464,000

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Regarding extra funds. Superfund site testing is not covered by FEMA under ESF 10. EPA directed PRPs to conduct testing of sites that they owned at an additional unknown cost. In addition, EPA redirected about ~~\$250,000~~ \$464,000 from other projects in order to cover the costs of sampling fund lead sites.

If more accuracy is needed, let us know..

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I think our answer is that everything is on our public website. Regarding enforcement, I presume we can acknowledge our investigation into Valero which we made public during the response but stop short of our actions as enforcement confidential. Can someone help with funding question?

David

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David et al,

In collaboration with the Houston Chronicle, we're trying to get a sense of exactly what environmental and public health monitoring was done in metropolitan Houston after Harvey hit, what it determined and which polluters may have been deemed negligent. Our focus is the petrochemical industry. I'd much appreciate your help answering the following questions. We've also queried the TCEQ:

1. What specific testing of soil, air and water was done by EPA in the Houston metro area to determine if public health, parks, schools, marine life and ecosystems may have been affected by contaminants released in Harvey-related events? We would appreciate a detailed response. (If you have data for all of Region 6 at your fingertips we are also interested, though our primary focus is the Houston area, particularly around the ship channel and adjacent waterways).
2. In a joint Sept. 14 status report posted on the TCEQ site the agencies said: "Water quality sampling will be focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites." Where exactly did you take soil and water samples and what substances did you test for? What did the results show? Can we see the reports? What testing was done at federal Superfund sites and when? What did you test for and what were the results?

The last update I see on your monitoring efforts and findings is here and the most recent document I see posted related to Harvey is dated Oct. 11: [https://response.epa.gov/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=12353](https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=12353)

3. Did you open investigations into any particular spills or unpermitted air emissions in greater Houston? If so, which plants and companies are under investigation? Has the EPA fined any parties (or initiated proceedings to do so) for spills or unpermitted emissions from Aug. 23-Sept. 22 in Region 6?
4. Did EPA obtain or spend any extra funds on Harvey-related spill/upset responses from August through December?

Many thanks and Happy Holidays!

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